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Pope Airmen Report from the Front

BRAC: Update

As early as this summer, we will notice a shift in services as our population draws down and Fort Bragg begins to take over programs previously identified under BRAC. Soon, the Army will provide billeting; transportation; official outgoing mail; vehicle passes; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and many other services.

Action officers in the medical group and mission support group are currently creating an "Airmen's Guide to Fort Bragg" to assist Airmen in where to go for future support. It encompasses services available to Airmen on Fort Bragg and those remaining on the future Pope Army Air Field. The guide will be published soon and provides newly arriving and existing Airmen the facility location and contact information for the services they require.

(Editor's note: Information provided by the BRAC office.)



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TRISH BUNTING

Ms. Alissa Chulack, 1st Lt's. Elizabeth Baker and Boedy Franklin, Staff Sgt. Jennifer Didgeon, all contract administrators, and Mr. Jerry Croghan team chief, all members of the Theater Wide Internal Security Services team stand beside just a few of their 1.3 billion dollar contracts they handle in their office at Camp Victory, Iraq, Jan. 11, 2010. TWISS team oversee security contracts for more than 30 bases in Iraq.

Contracts with a TWISS

By Senior Airman
Jarrod R. Chavana
Air Forces Central Public Affairs

BAGHDAD — Force protection is no joking matter when it comes to the military, especially in a combat environment. The Defense Contract Management

Agency-Central Iraq is a force multiplier letting military personnel focus on the bigger picture.

The Theater-Wide Internal Security Service team manages more than \$1.3 billion in static security contracts in more than 30 forward operating bases

and complexes. Within Iraq there are between 9,000 and 12,000 static security personnel protecting a base in locations like entry control points, towers, and dining facilities.

"It's really a force multiplier being able to have these contracts because it allows the military to do more with less," said Jerry Croghan, DCMA-CI team lead. "These contracts allow the government to put its combat power and training power out where it's needed, and we contract the force protection back in the rear.

Giving the military a place to come back that's secure to rearm, regroup, and refit to go out and do their missions."

All of the contracts are tracked manually by spreadsheets. At times this can cause mathematical errors that have to be traced so the contracts can be fulfilled.

"We've had problems where finance wouldn't pay a private security detail contract because the line items didn't match up," said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Didgeon, an DCMA-CI contracting administrator,

deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Ill. "We have to go through the spread sheets, which can have hundreds of line items and find out where the error is originating from. There have been times that the contract is off by a penny and finance wouldn't pay until that penny was found. When you're looking at a \$300 million contract it can take a while."

The team works between 12 to 14 hours a day 7 days a week to accomplish the mission. This includes traveling to different locations throughout Iraq to

help train contracting officer representatives or to settle contract issues.

The U.S. and NATO forces being able to go out to do missions or go into villages to make allies versus securing the base is important, said 1st Lt. Boedy Franklin, DCMA-CI contract administrator, deployed from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. Our mission is to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. I feel with the guards contracted out, the Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors can do this.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN KRIS LEVASSEUR

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, welcomes Bernie McGrenahan prior to his "Happy Hour" comedy show at the Pope Theater Feb. 17.

Comedian gives safety message to Airmen

By Senior Airman Kris
Levasseur
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It was time for "Happy Hour" at the Pope Theater, but no one was serving drinks. This happy hour was a training program disguised as a standup comedy routine that turned into a session on avoiding at-risk drinking, drugs and suicide.

Comedian Bernie

McGrenahan visited Pope Feb. 17 to talk to Pope Airmen about his own life experiences with alcohol, drugs and suicide, passing his very serious message through comedy.

Mr. McGrenahan tackled relationships, the military, cars, his height, toilet paper and his experiences with his disabled brother before telling his own tale of the hardship alcohol and

drugs has had on his life.

He said he started drinking as a teenager, telling the tale of how he and his friends would "only drink on the weekends" and "one night a week". His "one night a week" of drinking quickly became two, then three nights, plus weekends.

According to Mr. McGrenahan, this downward spiral due to alcohol continued through much of his young life. After two DUI's, being fired from his job, kicked out of school and forced to move back home with his mother, he was still not

convinced he had a drinking problem.

He did, however, notice that alcohol and drugs were starting to take a toll on his brother Scott.

He said Scott was stealing money, started acting moody and depressed and skipped work. When he confronted his brother, Scott claimed to have things under control. An hour later Mr. McGrenahan was on his way home when he noticed police cruisers and an ambulance outside his house.

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Little known Black/African American History Fact:

General Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr. (December 18, 1912 - July 4, 2002)



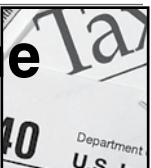
Gen. Benjamin Davis was the first African-American general in the United States Air Force.

Benjamin Davis was a United States Air Force

general and commander of The Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American pilots who fought in World War II as the 332nd Fighter Group of the US Army Air Corps. The 332nd Fighter Group, escorted bombers on air combat missions over Europe. Davis himself flew sixty missions in P-39, Curtiss P-40, P-47 and P-51 Mustang fighters.

Tax time

The Pope Tax Center provides free tax preparation services by appointment only from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on weekdays, excluding federal holidays. Active duty military, retirees and dependents are eligible for services. Appointments can be made by calling 394-2834. The tax center is located on the first floor of Bldg. 285 (the ALS building) near the intersection of Reilly and Ethridge roads.



Eye on safety

DUI Tracker

DUI tracking is current as of Wednesday

Days since last DUI 10
2010 4
DUIs for 2009 19

AADD Saves
This week 5
This year 9




For a free, anonymous ride home midnight to 6 a.m. Friday to Sunday, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 394-AADD/2233.

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Coining Pope's Finest




PHOTO BY CAPT. BEVERLY MOCK

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, presented his Commander's Coin to Senior Airman Steven Brumley, 43rd Communications Squadron, for his exceptional performance beyond the call of duty.

Each week the 43rd Airlift Wing highlights outstanding Airmen

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, presented his Commander's Coin to Senior Airman Steven Brumley, 43rd Communications Squadron, for his exceptional performance beyond the call of duty.

Airman Brumley is a quality assurance evaluator and evaluates more than 150 squadron technicians

and critical communication systems to ensure members of Pope can communicate efficiently and effectively.

He is also the squadron's safety representative. He inspected all aspects of safety for 28 work centers across three flights including flightline driver safety, vehicle safety, fire safety and high-risk safety in anticipation of the Air Mobility Command Safety


Staff Assistant Visit. He also briefed on all high risk activities at all Squadron Commander's Calls.

Off duty, Airman Brumley's activities include feeding the homeless, Operation Give a Hug, Angel Tree, care packages for deployed squadron Airmen and ruck marches. He hopes to pursue a degree in computer science in the future.

Commander's Helpline

The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to Col. James C. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander. If you have worked through normal channels and aren't satisfied, Helplines are an opportunity to ask questions, compliment someone or make suggestions. You must include a name and phone number for a response.

Helplines of general interest will be published in the Carolina Flyer, others will be answered by letter or phone call. Remember, the most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the responsible office or follow your chain of command. You can call the Commander's Helpline at 394-4357 or e-mail to commanders.helpline@pope.af.mil.



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Security Force.....	394-2800
Legal Office.....	394-2341
Chapel.....	394-2677
Military Personnel Flight.....	394-2276
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Inspector General.....	394-2302
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Child Development Center.....	394-4323
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Bowling Center.....	394-2891
Fitness Center.....	394-2671
Finance (Military Pay).....	394-1408/1412
AAFES Shoppette.....	497-8181
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Pope/Ft Bragg American Red Cross.....	396-1231/877-272-7337

Airmen: Heart of the Air Force

By Airman 1st Class Marissa Tucker
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Soon after the earthquake rocked Haiti Jan. 12 and changed the country forever, the reaction among many Airmen was the same: "How can I volunteer to go?"

Like them, I wanted my chance to be a part of the relief effort. After all, how many people get that kind of experience? Thinking I probably would not be tasked because of my rank and an upcoming deployment, I thought all I could do was donate money to a charity and pray for the survivors.

Quicker than I thought, people, including those in my office, began getting tasked for temporary duties and I thought they were lucky to be the ones on the ground in Haiti because they would really get to help. Throughout the next week, I learned that in situations like this,

helping the relief effort goes much deeper than being on the front lines.

On Sunday afternoon following the quake, I got a call to pack my things. I was going to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and on to Haiti. I was excited that I would actually get a chance to see the place that had been all across news stations and that I could do my part to help. Then when I found out I would "only" be going on air delivery missions where the supplies were dropped out of the back of the plane while in the air, I did not feel like I would be helping the citizens of Haiti as much.

I later learned that what I was a part of was an invaluable, tireless effort by thousands of people to provide relief to a country that had been devastated by a natural disaster.

My job was to augment the Pope AFB public affairs office by escorting media on air deliveries.

While we facilitated the media getting their stories, I noticed there were people who always seemed to be working to help, whether it was creating flight plans or guarding the entry points. Even volunteers, including those with the Red Cross and the USO, worked every day until there were no more people to feed.

More than 500 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., slept in the terminals for two days before leaving for Haiti.

I learned they were given a very short amount of time to prepare for the trip and they did not know when they were coming back. Even people who deploy to the desert know when they are coming back, I thought to myself. They were definitely stepping into an unknown situation and I thought about the families. I thought how the families probably helped the Soldiers pack their bags, running out to the stores to get things they forgot or how they take care of the things at home, so the servicemembers can focus on the mission.

Out on the flightline, there were aircraft from many different bases waiting to load supplies and people to take to Haiti. Pope's aircraft maintainers and other flightline personnel worked around the clock to support the missions with more than 70 aircraft from other bases arriving and leaving daily. No, they never went to Haiti, but neither the supplies nor the personnel could have made it there without them.

My job is to help tell the Air Force story and through my experience, I learned that many times, it reaches beyond us. The many family members, many Department of Defense civilians, the USO, the Red Cross, and even a pizza man who bravely maneuvered his way through the base to provide pizzas for the Soldiers, all took part in the Haiti relief efforts.

As the saying goes, Airmen are the heart of the Air Force because we are the worker bees. Although we may not always see or understand how our job is helping, our actions span further than we know.



History Corner

By Dan Knickrehm
43rd Airlift Wing Historian

A Challenging History

After seeing numerous weekly "Coining Pope's Finest" articles in this paper and after hearing an interesting story about the history of the first challenge coin I decided to do a little research about the subject. Initially I found a story about a young U.S. Army Air Corps officer during WWI. According to this story a "wealthy lieutenant" had commemorative coins minted for his squadron. Later in the war the Lieutenant was caught behind enemy lines and had his identification taken away. Upon escape (with his commemorative coin in a leather pouch around his neck) he found his way to the front lines and crossed into no-man's land in a French

sector. The French army was very suspicious of his presence and were about to execute the lieutenant when one of the French captors recognized the coin as belonging to an American flying squadron. Because of this discovery the French decided to stay the lieutenant's execution and discovered that he was indeed an American; the lieutenant's life was spared. From that point on the Lieutenant ensured that each member of his squadron kept their coin with them in case their identity was challenged as his was.

While inspiring I became suspicious of this story's authenticity for a number of reasons. First and foremost

almost every Web site I could find had the same story for the origins of challenge coins. In some cases this might be a good sign but not in this case. The story had been cut-and-pasted to so many sites it was impossible to find the originator of the story. This could be a complete fabrication though one site ensures the story has "been handed down" by oral history for many years. Second, if the German army captured this lieutenant and confiscated his personal belongings, how did he manage to keep his coin from falling into their hands? Now, I don't mean to say that this story is untrue, merely that it is a challenge to prove.

Other stories of challenge coin origins include more recent accounts relating to Army Special Forces and to bragging rights to unit membership during the Viet Nam war. There was one Web site that boldly refused to promote any one origin

for challenge coins. This site displayed the oldest military challenge coin they could find. The coin, from the 17th Infantry, was dated 1950-1952 during the Korean War.

Challenge coin recipients have most widely used the coin as a challenge to others, thus the name. Various consequences result from not having a coin when challenged. The most frequent outcome is that a person who cannot produce a coin when challenged owes the challenger a drink. If everyone challenged can produce a coin then the challenger owes every person he or she challenged a drink. While I was stationed in Germany during the 1980s we had "pfennig checks." We used the German one pfennig coin as our challenge coin. If everyone had one we went one step further and the person with the newest coin had to buy a round of drinks. Done this way you could always be sure someone

was buying a round.


Aside from their intrinsic value, coins have been used for many different things over the centuries. Early Roman coins were stamped with faces of the rulers at the time. As a means of exchange, coins ensured that the ruler's influence went far and wide. Some Roman coins commemorate battles and other important events. The same is true of present day monetary coins. Famous people adorn the "heads" side of U.S. coins. While many nations produce their own coins other examples, like the Euro, can denote membership in a larger organization. One thing is for certain with monetary coins; the more you have the more you are worth.

Challenge coins are not so different. Although they generally don't have an intrinsic value (though I have heard that in some cases you can give the coin back to the one who gave

it to you in exchange for a favor) military challenge coins are very sought after. They are proudly displayed in most offices in the Air Force. Various types of displays that accommodate any number of coins display how "worthy" a person may be. Given on special occasions like those recently given out during Operation Unified Response, challenge coins can denote taking part in a significant event.

Challenge coins are full of symbolism. Some have General's stars on them, some have birds, unit mottoes and emblems. All are indicative of who gave them.

Most importantly, in my opinion, are the reasons they are given. Challenge coins are not just called challenge coins because you can use them to challenge someone for a drink. They also symbolize a challenge to continue performing "above and beyond" and to challenge others to do well.



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NEWS

Keys to Travel Voucher Success

By Major Michael Kwasnoski
43rd Comptroller Squadron Commander

At the 43rd Comptroller Squadron, we know that financial readiness directly impacts mission readiness. Our mission is to deliver financial services to Pope’s Airmen worldwide, “Financing the Fight.” In that spirit, we would like to provide a status report on a key financial services indicator in which customers’ expectations are not being met: travel voucher rejects. In addition, a few recent developments in Air Force financial management transformation will be highlighted which can improve the quality of your travel voucher submission and speed-up your travel payment.

Travel Voucher “Rejects”

A travel voucher reject is a non-Defense Travel System travel voucher which, when audited, scanned and sent from base-level finance to the Air Force Financial Services Center, is rejected back to Pope Finance to be corrected. Reasons vary to include: the voucher lacks a copy of the travel order/amendment(s), incorrect itinerary, missing receipts, illegible documents, etc.

While the Air Force standard is less than 5 percent of travel vouchers rejected back to base-level finance, unfortunately across the Air

Force the average “reject rate” is currently 15 percent. Practically speaking, 15 of every 100 travel vouchers submitted to the AFFSC are currently rejected back to base-level Finance offices for correction. Pope’s travel voucher “reject rate” is 14 percent for the month of February to-date. This is simply unacceptable, because rejected vouchers translate into delayed payments to our customers, delayed government travel charge card payments and lost productivity as our customers spend time re-accomplishing items for resubmission. To put this in perspective, a correct voucher takes, on average, less than 10 business days to pay out. However, a rejected voucher requires 20 days — and that impacts readiness.

Therefore, several changes have been implemented to further reduce our reject rate to meet and to exceed the Air Force standard. Three of those changes are as follows:

■ Finance technicians are now assigned to specialized teams: active duty travel pay, Reserve travel pay, and military pay. We track our customers to the appropriate team and tailor service to the customer’s need.

■ Dedicated auditors will be assigned to ensure each voucher receives two independent checklist-driven quality reviews before being sent to the AFFSC for processing.

■ The Financial Services Office conducts aggressive daily training on voucher accuracy, complementing our pre-existing weekly functional training sessions. In addition, the CPTS leadership team analyzes “rejects” daily and trains-to-task accordingly. In those instances where a voucher still rejects, a policy has been instituted whereby members are notified within 24 hours of a reject notice in order to apprise the member of the situation and to take the appropriate action to minimize further delays in payment. In short: we can do better, we must do better...and we will do better for you.

eFinance Workspace

Shifting gears to Financial Management Transformation, two Air Force level initiatives should be highlighted. Located on the Air Force Portal, the eFinance Workspace is the “store front” to complete a variety of financial processes and documents. Within eFinance Workspace you will discover the Permanent Change of Station In-Processing System and electronic Finance modules. PIPS is designed to assist Active Duty members with the paperless submission of PCS related documents. Using “wizard” technology members are guided through an interactive session to complete and submit relocation documents to the Financial Services Office and the Air Force

Financial Service Center eFinance uses the same “wizard-like” approach to assist members in completing selected Military Pay documents and non-Defense Travel System TDY vouchers, again by using an interactive interview that progressively builds each form based on answers previously supplied. Throughout the process, member can track the status and location of their voucher. PIPS/eFinance Workspace is not a classified application. Do not use PIPS or eFinance for any travel from, through, or to a classified or “data masked” location. For assistance in filing your classified or “data masked” PCS or TDY voucher, please contact the Financial Services Office.

“Start with a click and skip the trip”

Looking for answers to your pay and travel questions? If so, the Financial Services Frequently Asked Questions section of the “Money-Finance Central” tab on the Air Force Portal can help! The Financial Services FAQs include the most frequently asked questions on pay, travel, retirement, and separation. Start with a click and you might be able to avoid the trip to Finance. You can easily search the FAQs by key topics, customer segment, or just see the most frequent hits.

These FAQs are part of



Finance’s ongoing efforts to expand the online service options available to Airmen to make it more convenient than ever to receive financial services. The Pay and Travel FAQs are the latest addition to the online tools available. As the FAQ offering grows, please keep current by visiting the AF Portal (www.my.af.mil) then click on the “Life and Career” tab; next click on “Money — Finance Central.” Then under “Featured Items,” click on “Frequently Asked Questions and PCS calculators” to view the top 25 FAQs.

Have a more specific question about your pay or entitlements? You’re in luck... customers can also save a trip to Finance by e-mailing our experts at PopeFinance@pope.af.mil. Our skilled technicians will

respond to your question within 24 business hours. **Split Disbursement is the Only Way to Go**

As a general reminder, all travelers – military and civilian - are required to pay for airfare, lodging and rental cars (when applicable) via their government travel card. Then, when filing a DTS voucher, a PIPS voucher, an eVoucher or a hardcopy voucher, always remember to split disburse to Citibank an amount sufficient to cover your GTC outstanding balance. Make sure to include any known charges that haven’t yet posted to your Citibank bill. (For example, the rental car payment, meal and lodging bill from the last day of your TDY.) In fact, your unit’s GTC agency program coordinator is now required to initial all hardcopy vouchers to ensure adequate split disbursement to Citibank.

Last but not least, because we know that not all Airmen work the same duty hours, we’ve increased our Finance Customer Service Hours at Building 315: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. As always, the financial professionals of the 43rd Comptroller Squadron are proud to serve Team Pope. We thank you for your service and for your support.

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POPE TALKS

By Rhonda Griffin
Staff writer

What are you doing to stay ‘Fit to Fight?’



“I stay active and have a positive attitude.”

— Airman Austin Steinke
43rd Communications Squadron



“I’m an instructor at the Fitness Center and I work out almost every day. It’s a great way to relieve stress.”

— Tami Trotter
Pope spouse



“I run two miles a day, work out every-day and try to eat right.”

— Airman 1st Class Billy Hager
43rd Force Support Squadron



“I work out three to four times a week.”

— Rob Linebarger
Pope Chapel

Comedian:

Safety message for Airmen

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His sister came running out of the house hysterical telling him not to go in the house, Scott had shot himself in the heart.

“When my brother took his life that day, that young, handsome man didn’t think before he pulled the trigger that standing behind him was his mother and his father, his brother, his sister and his other brother, his uncles, his grandparents, and all his cousins and 40 of us took that bullet with him. It went through every one of us and traveled in our heart and out our back. We live with that hole in our soul the rest of our lives.”

Even this traumatic event wasn’t enough to show Mr. McGrenahan that he had a problem with alcohol though. It wasn’t until his third DUI charge and six months in a Los Angeles County Jail that he set himself straight.

While doing his time in county jail, he took a hard look at himself and knew he had to turn his life around. He made a vow to his mother and stayed true to that moment by not having a drop of alcohol in 22 years.

“I thought Bernie McGrenahan’s message was very informative and heart-felt,” said Tech. Sgt. Lorraine Bussart, 43rd Medical Operations Squadron Mental Health Clinic NCO in charge. “I hope that after hearing what he had to say, people here realize the severity of their actions and don’t drink and drive.”

McGrenahan will continue his “Happy Hour” tour throughout the military and will continue to share his life altering decisions through comedy.



KUDOS

Congratulations to the following Airmen who graduated Airmen Leadership School.

John Levitow Award ■ Senior Airman Michael DeNapoli

Distinguished Graduate Award Winners
■ Staff Sgt. Gregory Navickas,
■ Senior Airman Jason Balanzategui
■ Senior Airman Brandi Butler

Academic Award Winner
■ Senior Airman Jason Balanzategui

Leadership Award Winner
■ Senior Airman Brandi Butler

A-Flight

■ Staff Sgt. Gregory Navickas, 21st Special Tactics Squadron
■ Senior Airman Jason Abney, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron
■ Senior Airman Jason Balanzategui, 18th Weather Squadron
■ Senior Airman Velia Bravo-Johnson, 43rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron
■ Senior Airman Shea Martin, 14th Air Support Operations Squadron
■ Senior Airman Christine Mixon, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron
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B-Flight

■ Staff Sgt. Dirk Shleton, Joint Communication Unit
■ Senior Airman James Barnes, 18th WS
■ Senior Airman Jeremy Baxley, 2nd Airlift Squadron
■ Senior Airman Thomas Carrell, 43rd Operations Support Squadron
■ Senior Airman Michael Dutery, 440th Operations Group
■ Senior Airman Lauren Etter, 43rd AMXS
■ Senior Airman Jarred Fischer, 14th ASOS
■ Senior Airman Jesus Gutierrez, 43rd LRS
■ Senior Airman William Hartley, 14th

ASOS
■ Senior Airman Corinna Kelley, 43rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron
■ Senior Airman Tonya Martinez, 43rd LRS
■ Senior Airman Michael Mau, 2nd AS
■ Senior Airman Carlos Sarmiento, 21st STS
■ Senior Airman Randall Thompson, 43rd FSS

C-Flight

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■ Senior Airman Cecilia Amuzu, 43rd Comptroller Squadron
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■ Senior Airman Russell Basile, 3rd APS
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■ Senior Airman Michael DeNapoli, 43rd AMXS
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Briefs

Spouse Job Fair

The Employment Readiness Program’s Military Spouse Job Fair is Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Fort Bragg Officer’s Club. The club is located in Bldg. 1-4930 at the corner of Armistead and Totten streets on Fort Bragg. The event is open to military ID cardholders. Dress for success and bring a resume. For more information, call the Employment Readiness Program at 396-2390 or 396-1425.

CCAF Cutoff Date

To be considered for graduation in the April class, the Community College of the Air Force must receive all documentation for degree candidate submissions and students must be enrolled in the degree program by Feb. 26. For more information, call the Education Center at 394-4692.

Elite-to-Elite Program

The Elite-to-Elite Pilot Program is available to eligible Airmen who are separating from the Air Force and plan to remain in North Carolina. Interested Airmen must be N.C. residents to be eligible for the program. A letter from the commander and application deadlines are available on the EIM Web site. Applications are due no later than March 1.

Party at the Library

Come to the Pope Library for an afternoon of Seuss-sational activities based on the beloved tales of Dr. Seuss from 4:30 until 6 p.m. March 5. The entire family will enjoy stories,

crafts and a fun birthday party. For more information, call 394-2195.

Run For The Troops

Fort Bragg USO Run for the Troops is March 6 at Fayetteville Technical Community College, Parking Lot 5, Hull Road, Fayetteville. Late registration and packet pick up is at 7:30 a.m. with the run/walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.uso-nc.org.

AFOSI Recruitment

AFOSI is seeking motivated noncommissioned officers, staff sergeants, technical sergeants and officers, 2nd lieutenant to captain, to join an elite force of federal agents. Those who are interested in a career in federal investigations are invited to a recruitment brief in the Family Center Building Auditorium at 1 p.m. March 15.

Hurricanes Military Night

The Carolina Hurricanes honor servicemembers as they face off against the Boston Bruins March 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for advanced purchase only to military personnel in the Lower Level and Club Level for \$25 and in the Upper Level for \$10. Tickets are first-come, first-serve and subject to availability. They are available at hurricanes.nhl.com/militarynight. Enter special promotional code: MILITARY.

AF Hoops

AF Hoops is back with chances to win huge prizes. Pick up your scratch off ticket at the Bowling Center, the Pope Club or Habanero’s,

then log in to www.afhoops.com to register your ticket. Prizes include \$10,000 for the grand prize winner. Limit 10 entries per person.

DePLAYment Tags

Those whose spouse or sponsor was or will be deployed between July 1, 2009 and July 31, 2010 may be eligible for a special DePLAYment Tag that brings free or reduced price benefits for the family. For more information, call 394-1189.

BRAC forum

A special BRAC forum will be held for those entities that are affiliatedwith Pope but do not fall under the 43rd Airlift Wing. For example, those organizations who have leases and/or NAF business with Pope. This forum will be held Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Pope Club Ballroom. The purpose is to provide information on how this affects these organization’s real estate lease; introduce these organizations to key POCs from Fort Bragg; and identify any issues that may need resolution. RSVP to Ms Kathy Odum at 394-6200.

Scholarship

The Scholarship for Outstanding Airmen program allows commanders the opportunity to select outstanding active duty Airmen for an ROTC scholarship. If selected, Airmen will be discharged from active duty to pursue a commission through AFROTC. The scholarship pays for college tuition and fees, plus a textbook allowance. A monthly, non-taxable allowance is also earned during the school year. AMC has nine quotas for SOAR, with

Sept. 15 being the established deadline for applications to be received at MAJCOM. For more information, contact the Education Center at 394-4692.

AtHoc

AtHoc is used for timely notification of personnel during emergencies, exercises and contingencies and may also be used for recalls. In order for the system to be effective, all personnel must maintain current and accurate contact information in the AtHoc database. Contact information in the self-service section should include duty phone number, home or mobile phone number, duty e-mail address and, if available, personal e-mail address. Duty phone and e-mail alone are not adequate as the system must have the ability to contact individuals after hours in the event of emergency or recall. Pope Command Post can provide unit commanders with specific information regarding the status of their personnel’s data upon request and with prior notice.

Yadkin Road HOV Lane

The right in-bound lane at the Yadkin Road Access Control Point is now for High Occupancy Vehicles only. Vehicles must have two or more occupants in order to take advantage of this lane. The designated HOV lane is in effect Monday through Friday, between 5:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Drivers who violate the HOV restrictions will be turned around at the gate and will be subject to a \$100 citation. For more information, call 907-5301/396-5387.

Financial readiness

Military Saves is a Department of Defense-wide financial readiness campaign to persuade military service and family members to reduce debt and save money to ensure personal financial readiness and positively impacting the nation’s personal/household savings rates.

Mission readiness is closely linked to financial readiness. Members are encouraged to log on to www.militarysaves.org and register to take the “Saver Pledge,” develop a personal savings plan, establish an emergency fund and enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan and, for eligible deploying service members, the Savings Deposit Program.

This year, Pope’s Airman and Family Readiness Center is partnering with Fort Bragg’s Army Community Service for the annual Military Saves Campaign. The line-up of events are:

■ Feb. 22 is the kickoff event at the Fort Bragg Officers’ Club from 9 a.m. until noon with keynote speaker Clarky Davis, the


Debt Diva from ABC News. To register, call 907-3670. ■ A coupon seminar by Sue Stock, the Raleigh News and Observer coupon guru, is Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon, hosted by the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program on the third floor of the Soldier Support Center. To register, call 907-3670.

■ Feb. 25 is also Post-Wide Brown Bag Lunch Day in support of Military Saves Week.

■ Dorm Outreach is Feb. 25 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. The Airman and Family Readiness Center is giving free pizza to dorm residents in the Bldg. 296 Dayroom. Residents are invited to meet the staff and learn more about managing personal finances. There is also a chance to win a \$25 gas card or a money tree.

Editor’s note: information for this article was provided by www.militarysaves.org.)

“It is important not to file your tax return until you have received all of your tax documents. Tax documents received after you have already filed will require you to file an amended tax return.”
~ Pope Tax Center, 394-2834



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Freedom Facts

By Mark Van Winkle
Chief Master Sergeant,
USAF (Ret)

Many famous Americans throughout our history recognized the importance of religious faith to their personal safety and to the success of our nation. They recounted, through personal writings, miraculous experiences that they attributed to a supreme being. Hundreds of examples have been documented. Three follow.

In the Battle at the Monongahela in 1755, George Washington served as a British officer against the French and Indians. The British were annihilated. Every British officer on horseback was killed except one, George Washington. Was it luck or some other power? He recalled the event in a letter to his brother John.

“But by the all-powerful dispensation of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me.”

I wonder, would our history have changed if Washington had been killed? Who would have led the colonial army during the Revolutionary War? Would we have won the war? Who would have presided over the Constitutional Convention? Would the United States exist? And, who would have been our first president?

Thomas Jefferson, sole author of the Declaration of Independence, made this statement in 1781.

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a

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when free men shall
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Between their loved
home and the war’s
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Blest with vict’ry
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— excerpt Star
Spangled Banner

conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?”

The Star Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key, is our magnificent national anthem. It recounts the steadfast resolve of Americans willing to fight to the end to preserve liberty throughout the historic defense of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. The inspiring

first verse is well known. I trust military professionals will relate to its fourth verse as well.

*“O! thus be it ever when free men shall
stand
Between their loved home and the
war’s desolation;
Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the
Heav’n-rescued land
Praise the Pow’r that bath made and
preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause
it is just;
And this be our motto, “In God is our
trust!”
And the star spangled banner in
triumph shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the home
of the brave!”*

Like those mentioned, countless other Americans exercised their freedoms of expression and religion by recording amazing events that they believe were the result of divine intervention. Americans can do that without fear or persecution; things that too frequently occur in other parts of the world. Therefore, I strongly encourage all military patriots to responsibly practice their First Amendment rights, on or off base. It is good when we live out our freedoms, for ourselves, our families, our organizations and our nation.

Article 15 update

The following is a summary of nonjudicial punishments given by commanders under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, from July to December 2009. Punishments are determined based on the individual facts and circumstances of each case. A suspended punishment occurs when a commander delays imposing all or any portion of a punishment. This provides both an observation period and an incentive for good behavior as the suspended punishment can be imposed at a later date if the member’s misconduct continues.

July

■ A technical sergeant from the 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron was punished for 11 counts of failure to go to his place of duty. Punishment included a reduction to staff sergeant, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A staff sergeant from the 43rd LRS was punished for drunkenness: incapacitated for performance of duties in that he attempted to complete annual training with a breath alcohol content of 0.10. Punishment included forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

August

■ A staff sergeant from the 43rd LRS was punished for 5 counts of failure to go and for going from place of duty. The punishment included a suspended reduction to the rank of senior airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and a

reprimand.

■ An airman first class from the 2nd Airlift Squadron was punished for reckless driving in that he drove his vehicle with a blood alcohol content of 0.16 and struck a vehicle being towed by a tow-truck. The punishment included a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$784 pay and a reprimand.

■ An airman first class from the 43rd LRS was punished for drunken driving and drunk/disorderly on station. The punishment included a reduction to airman, 45 days restriction, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman first class from the 43rd Medical Support Squadron received an Article 15 for Absent Without Leave three days or less. The punishment included a reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman first class from the 43rd LRS was punished for drunken driving. The punishment included a reduction to airman, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

September

■ A staff sergeant from the 21st Special Tactics Squadron was punished for missing movement. The punishment included a suspended reduction to senior airman, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman from the 21st STS was punished for dereliction of duty. The punishment included a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman from the 43rd LRS was punished for wrongful use of marijuana. The punishment included a suspended reduction to airman

first class, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman from the 43rd Communications Squadron was punished for wrongful use of marijuana. The punishment included a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman from the 2nd AS was punished for AWOL over 3 but less than 30 days. The punishment included a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman from 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron was punished for drunken driving. The punishment included a reduction to Airman Basic and a reprimand.

November

■ A senior airman from 43rd Security Forces Squadron was punished for failure to obey a lawful order. The punishment included a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$433 pay, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

December

■ An airman first class from the 21st STS was punished for failure to go. The punishment included a reduction to airman, 14 days restriction and a reprimand.

■ An airman first class from 3rd APS was punished for failure to obey a lawful order and for damaging military property. The punishment included reduction to airman basic with reduction below airman suspended, forfeiture of \$699 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

(Editor’s note: information provided by the 43rd Airlift Wing Legal Office.)

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Fit to Fight

By Rhonda Griffin
Staff writer

A huge part of military life is physical fitness. Regardless of an Airman’s day-to-day responsibilities, whether at home or downrange, the mind and body must be ready for whatever may come. Every Airman must be “fit to fight.”

Being fit to fight doesn’t mean taking part in a few extra workouts before a PT test to ensure a passing score. Physical fitness comes from taking on a routine of healthy lifestyles that will last a lifetime. Since the Air Force covers a wide range of duties, servicemembers must be at their top fitness levels to be ready to take on any task at hand.

Members of the Pope community who frequent the fitness center likely recognize Tech. Sgt. Terrence Bessellieu, 43rd Force Support Squadron, who spends his days in the gym helping others to reach their full potential.

“Fit to Fight’ is an Air Force initiative designed to keep all active duty members ready to deploy,” said Sergeant Bessellieu. “All bases have the PT program, and if a servicemember fails four times within two years, he becomes a civilian.”

When Airmen receive a failing score on a PT test, they are required to participate in a healthy living workshop sponsored by the Health and

Wellness Center, Sergeant Bessellieu said. The class provides an overview of healthy eating and being more active to help get them back on track. Also, they must take part in PT five days a week instead of the regularly required three days of squadron PT, he added.

The Fitness Center offers assessments of fitness and body composition to check current levels and to determine areas that need improvement. Also, as a part of the Fitness Improvement Program, classes are offered with the help of instructors for those who are enrolled in the program to improve PT scores, Sergeant Bessellieu. Classes are available every day, with FIP participants having priority for placement in the classes.

Senior Airman Mark Nasirali, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, knows the importance of being “fit to fight,” and works out regularly to keep himself in shape.

“You have to balance your time and stay in focus,” Airman Nasirali said. “You have to take your job seriously, exercise to stay physically and mentally fit and make time to spend with your spouse or significant other. You have to stay well rounded.”

On top of giving his all as a fuels distribution operator, Airman Nasirali enjoys hitting the fitness center where he

Physical fitness is integral to Airmen readiness



PHOTO BY RHONDA GRIFFIN

Senior Airman Mark Nasirali, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, and his wife, Wanita, work out together in the Pope Fitness Center weight room Feb. 12.

has a routine to make the most of his workouts. And to make the most of his time off, his wife, Wanita, joins him at the gym.

“I come with him most days,” Mrs. Nasirali said as she took a break from her workout in the weight room Feb. 12. “His schedule provides for us to be able to do that, so we try to take advantage of it.”

“Since the Air Force provides these facilities free of charge, why go anywhere else?” Airman Nasirali said as he looked around the Pope Fitness Center. “Everything

we need is right here and we don’t have that expense of joining a gym. The only downside is the hours of operation, which makes it hard on some of us to get here with the way our schedules work.”

Trying not to stray from what is expected of Airmen by the Air Force, Airman Nasirali uses his time at the fitness center to focus on one area each day. One day is used for his chest and triceps, he said. Another is used for the legs and lower back and a third day focuses on biceps, shoulders and upper back, he said. Along

with his regular workouts, he also tries to get in about two miles of running, he added.

“Three times a week is fine to maintain,” the Airman said, “but to see serious results, you have to get in here four or five times a week.”

Working out and staying fit make him feel better both mentally and physically, he said.

“I’m thinking about cross training into another field,” Airman Nasirali said. “I know I’m capable of more and I don’t want to sell myself short. In order to do that, I have to be ready.”

The Nasiralis said when they experience time away from the fitness center and their regular workouts, they can really tell a difference in the way they feel.

“We just got back in here,” Mrs. Nasirali said. “He’s been gone to Airman Leadership School for more than five weeks and we just haven’t been able to come in like we’re used to. We were excited to be back.”

By working to stay in top form and well rounded in the ways of living, Airmen will never fail to live up to the mission to “fly, fight and win.”

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Sunday, 8 a.m. except second Sundays

Contemporary service:

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Combined Worship:

11:30 a.m. the second Sunday of each month with potluck following services.

Sunday school (all ages):

10 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

Catholic services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Daily Mass Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

RCIA:

Contact 394-1856

CCD:

1:15 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

Services offered at Fort Bragg

Catholic service:

JFK Chapel, Ardennes Street, Saturday at 5 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

Muslim or Orthodox Christian services

Call the Fort Bragg Chapel at 396-1121.

Officers' Christian Fellowship

Bible study on leadership, Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Jewish services

Contact the Faith Community Chapel Bldg. D-3733 Ardennes St. at 489-2094.

Wiccan ceremonies

The Watters Center on Fort Bragg holds an open circle Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

POPE SERVICES

Combat Support & Community Service

Kitty Hawk Inn

■ 394-4377
UTA weekend Sat. and Sun.:
Breakfast: 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Breakfast: 5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m.
Weekends, Holidays and downdays
Brunch: 7 a.m. to noon
Supper: 4 to 6 p.m.

Habaneros' Mexican Grill

■ 394-4580
Breakfast

Mon. - Frid.: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Lunch
Daily: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Travel

■ 394-4478 or 394-5462
Mon. - Fri.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library

■ 394-2195
Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Story time
Fri.: 4 p.m.
Tues.: "Things that are most" 11 a.m.

Wood Shop

■ 394-5049
Tues. - Thurs.: 1 to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

School Age Programs

■ 394-2869
Mon. - Fri.: 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Auto Hobby/Equipment Rental

■ 394-2293
Monday Closed
Tues. thru Thurs. : 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fri. and Sat. : 9a.m to 5 p.m.

Community Center

394-2779
Closed for renovation

Bowling Center

■ 394-2891
Mon. and Tues.: 11 a.m. to

9 p.m.
Wed.: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fri.: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. to midnight
Sun. Holidays: 1 a.m. to 7 p.m

Willow Lakes Golf Course

■ 394-GOLF
Closed

Fitness Center

■ 394-2671
Mon. - Fri.: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sat. and Sun.: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Holidays and family days: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Frame and Design Arts

■ 394-4192
Mon. and Tues.: 10 a.m. to

5 p.m.
Wed. and Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fri.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat., Sun. and Holidays: Closed

Butler's Barber Shop

■ 394-4387
Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mack's Barber Shop

■ 436-7718
Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Child Development Center

■ 394-4323/2724
Mon. - Fri.: 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
For more information, call Helenmarie Beaudion at 394-1189.

Pope Civilian Personnel Office job listings

■ **Fire Protection Inspector, GS-0081-08** Starting Annual Salary: \$43,519 **Description:** The purpose of this position is to perform fire prevention/ fire protection and inspection duties designed to detect and reduce or eliminate fire hazards in high fire expectancy area. Develops and conducts extensive fire protection and prevention education and training programs.

■ **Social Services Asst, GS-0186-07** Starting Annual Salary: \$39,295 **Description:** To conduct intake interviews with Family Advocacy Program clients, use advanced functions of word processing software and other FAP software to generate required FAP documents and reports.

■ **Attorney, YA-0905-02** Salary Cap \$40,093-\$91,801 **Description:** To serve as a legal advisor who provides support to management officials services by Pope Air Force Base in areas of labor law, environmental law, government contract law and various other civil law matters and issues.

■ **Contract Specialist, GS-1102-09** Starting Annual Salary: \$48,066 **Description:** To serve as a contracting team leader and a warranted contracting officer. To provide business advice to the customer and perform all preaward and postaward functions, using a wide range of contracting methods and types, to procure complex and construction.

■ **Air Transportation Specialist, GS-2101-11** Starting Annual Salary: \$58,155 **Description:** The primary purpose of the position is to serve as an aerial delivery contract quality assurance evaluator and assistant operations officer. This position will validate and develop contract requirement documents, procurement evaluation standards government cost estimates.

■ **IT Specialist, YA-2210-02** Salary Cap: \$40,093-\$91,801

Description: Incumbent consults with customers to identify specific system requirements; analyze and refine system requirements; translate system requirements into application prototypes; write, debug and maintain code; determine and design application architecture; determine output media/formats; designing user interfaces; test applications; integrate hardware and software components; write and maintain program documentation; evaluate new applications software technologies; integrate systems components (procedures, databases, policies, software and hardware); plan system implementation. Incumbent analyzes, develops and sustains systems in support of core business processes supported by the Command Information Office.

■ **IT Specialist, GS-2210-11** Starting Annual Salary: \$58,155 **Description:** To serve as the base Information Assurance Specialist who is the wing commander's authority and focal point for Information Assurance. Also manages the communication-computer security program, Air Force Electronic Key Management System, Emission Security and Information Assurance Awareness Programs.

■ **Secretary (Office Automation), GS-0318-05** Starting Annual Salary: \$31,723 **Description:** To serve as the principal office assistant performing various clerical and administrative duties in support of the organization, performing office automation duties such as word processing in support of the clerical and administrative work. **The Civilian Personnel office will provide updates each week.**

To apply for the job vacancies listed above, visit the following Web sites: **External applicants -** www.usajobs.gov; **Internal applicants -** https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb/search_by_state_nlo.asp.

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NEW RELEASE



Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

By Dawn Elizabeth Pandoliano
Staff Writer

"Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief"

is a surprisingly entertaining, updated for today's modern children and what they have learned to expect from previous adventure stories (like the Harry Potter franchise), about the Greek god's and their offspring. Well, one of their children in particular.

Percy (Perseus) Jackson is your typical teenage boy, who lives with his mom and her smelly, chauvinistic husband (Joey Pants from the Sopranos) and has no clue about his true heritage. Can we say, "Daddy issues?" When someone steals Zeus's lightning, all the fingers on Mt.

Olympus point to Percy as the thief, and Percy finds out that he is actually the son of Poseidon, Greek god of the sea. Which explains why Percy can spend a ridiculous time underwater and can only read Greek characters. He also finds out that his best friend is half goat (his lower half is furry and he sports hooves) and his junior protector and his teacher is a centaur, both of whom were charged with keeping an eye on him.

With the whole of Mt. Olympus after him with a 10 day deadline

to have the bolt of lightning back in Zeus's hands, Percy, his junior protector and Annabeth, the daughter of the Greek goddess of war, Athena, set out on a quest to find the missing bolt of lightning before Zeus can throw a tantrum like a kindergarten kid and cause major destruction to the planet. Along the way, he finds out that there are other children of the gods and goddesses, fights a very trendy looking Medusa, tries to strike a bargain with Hades and irons out his absentee father issues.

Remember that

movie, 'Clash of the Titans?' Well, if it had a baby, this movie would be the offspring. There's lots of fun adventure and humor for the kids and a great, fun way to introduce them to Greek mythology, even if it's a bit skewed for entertainment value. I noticed that it got less than great reviews, but for what it was, a kids' movie without the lightly masked, political propaganda or subtle adult humor, "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" is a great film for children 8 years old and up.

Fun fact: In

Greek Mythology, Perseus is actually the son of the Greek god Zeus, and not Poseidon's son. Theseus was the son of Poseidon.

Starring: Logan Lerman, Alexandra Daddario and Brandon T. Jackson. Other recognizable faces are Uma Thurman, Rosario Dawson and Remington Steele.

Rated: PG for action violence, some scary images, peril and mild language.

Check your local theater for times and listings.



MOVIES

Pope Theater

Armistead, Pope

Friday: Avatar (PG-13)

Saturday: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeak-uel (PG) 4 p.m.; Avatar (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday: Leap Year (PG) 4 p.m.; Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 7 p.m.

(Courtesy of www.aafes.com)

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and younger.



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Airmen, families visit Pope Clinic for H1N1 immunization

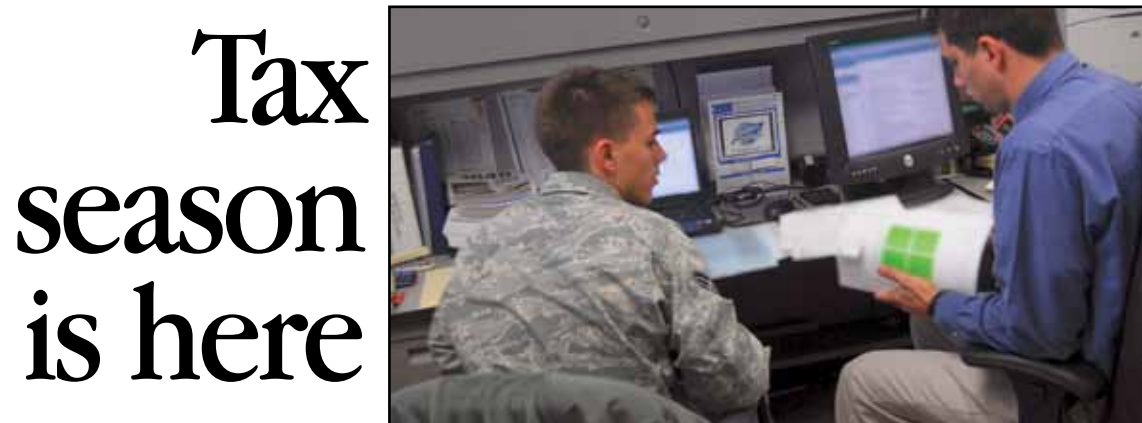


PHOTOS BY DAWN ELIZABETH PANDOLIANO
Staff Sgt. Stephanie Matthews, an allergy and immunization technician with the 43rd Medical Operations Squadron, gives Airman 1st Class Jermel Washington the H1N1 immunization on Wednesday at the Pope Clinic.

Pope Tax Center



Tax season is here



PHOTOS BY DAWN ELIZABETH PANDOLIANO
Top: Maj. Angela Yetto-Newton, 43rd Communications Squadron, explains the details of a client's taxes at the Pope Tax Center on Wednesday. Maj. Yetto-Newton is one of the many volunteers at the center who are available to help Airmen and their families navigate through this year's tax season.
Center: Senior Airman Nathan Mansfield, 43rd Contracting goes over the final details of a completed tax return with a client.
Bottom: Senior Airman Abigail Sloan, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, works with Senior Airman Keesha Belin, 440th Services, on her taxes.



Serious message, funny delivery



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN KRIS LEVASSEUR
Bernie McGrenahan performs his "Happy Hour" comedy show at the Pope Theater Feb. 17. Mr. McGrenahan's comedy show was designed to discuss his own life experiences with alcohol, drugs and suicide in order to promote safe and responsible behavior. For the full story and details, see page one.

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Tech. Sgt. Brent Deatrick, a communications and navigation specialist with the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, performs an altimeter write-up with a TTU-205 Pressure Temperature Test Set on Pope's flightline Wednesday. The test simulates the airspeed and altitude of the aircraft to ensure the altimeter is functioning properly.

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